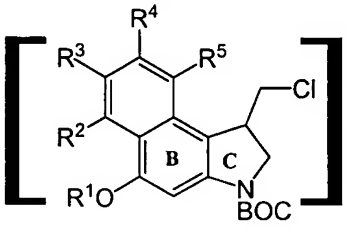
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

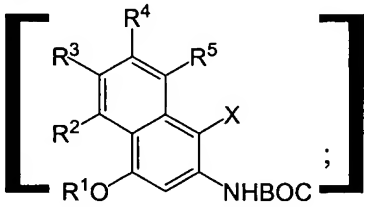
**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A process for ~~synthesizing~~ cyclizing a dihydroindole C-ring to form ~~of~~ a CC-1065/duocarmycin analog, ~~the dihydroindole C-ring of a CC-1065/duocarmycin analog being represented by the following structure:~~




the process comprising the following steps:

Step A: allylating an ~~*ortho*-halo-2-aminonaphthaline~~ *ortho*-halo-2-aminonaphthalene with 1,3-dichloropropene to form ~~for forming~~ a vinyl chloride, ~~the ortho-halo-2-aminonaphthaline being represented by the following structure:~~




;

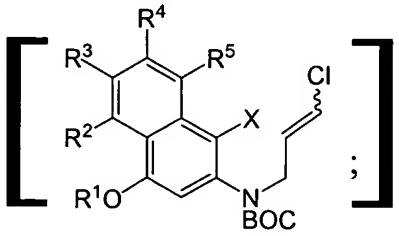
~~wherein:~~

~~$R^1$ is a hydroxyl protecting group; and~~

~~$R^2$, $R^3$, $R^4$, and $R^5$ are radicals independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl(C1-C6), alkoxy, cyano, and arylalkoxy; and~~

~~X is a halide selected from the group consisting of bromine and iodine; and~~

~~the vinyl chloride is represented by the following structure:~~




then

Step B: cyclizing the vinyl chloride of said step A to form ~~for forming~~ the dihydroindole C-ring of the CC-1065 /duocarmycin analog.

Claims 2-18 (cancelled)

Claim 19 (currently amended): A process according to claim 1 wherein, in said Step A, the *ortho*-halo-2-aminonaphthaline is an ~~*ortho*-bromo-2-aminonaphthaline~~ *ortho*-halo-2-aminonaphthalene.

Claim 20 (currently amended): A process according to claim 1 wherein, in said Step A, the *ortho*-halo-2-aminonaphthaline is an ~~*ortho*-bromo-2-aminonaphthaline~~ *ortho*-halo-2-aminonaphthalene.

Claim 21 (cancelled)

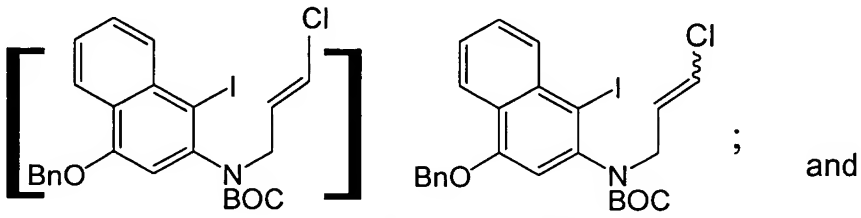
Claim 22 (previously presented): A process according to claim 1 wherein, in said Step A, said allylation is catalyzed by the addition of a catalytic amount of tetra-*n*-butylammonium iodide.

Claim 23 (previously presented): A process according to claim 1 wherein, in said Step B, said cyclization is performed with an addition of tri-*n*-butyltin hydride.

Claim 24 (previously presented): A process according to claim 23 wherein, in said Step B, said cyclization is catalyzed by the addition of a catalytic amount of AIBN.

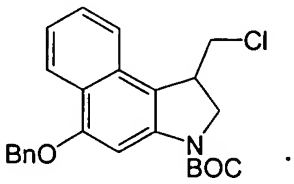
Claim 25 (previously presented): A process according to claim 24 wherein, in said Step B, said cyclization is performed using toluene as the solvent.

Claim 26 (currently amended): A process according to claim 1 wherein, in said Step A, the vinyl chloride is represented by the following structure:




; and

in said Step B, ~~the dihydroindole C-ring of~~ the CC-1065/duocarmycin analog is represented by the following structure:

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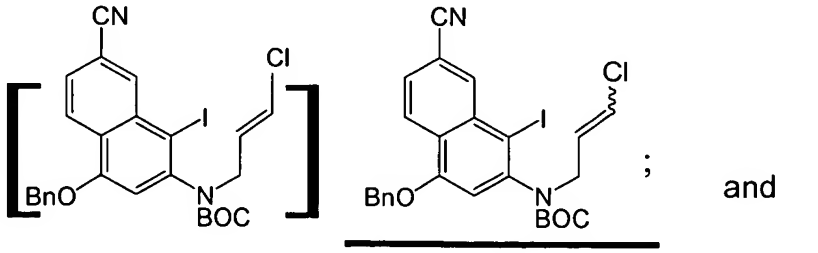
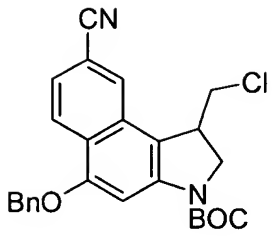
Claim 27 (currently amended): A process according to claim 1 wherein:

in said Step A, the vinyl chloride is represented by the following structure:



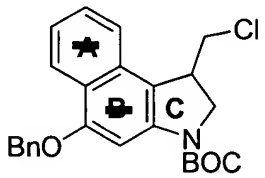

; and

in said Step B, ~~the dihydroindole C-ring of~~ the CC-1065 /duocarmycin analog is represented by the following structure:



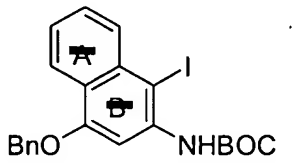

Claims 28-31 (cancelled)

Claim 32 (currently amended): A process for synthesizing a dihydroindole C-ring of a CC-1065/duocarmycin analog, the dihydroindole C-ring of the ~~a~~ CC-1065/duocarmycin analog being represented within ~~by~~ the following structure:



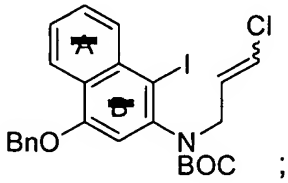

the process comprising the following steps:

Step A: allylating an *ortho*-haloaniline with 1,3-dichloropropene to form ~~for forming~~ a vinyl chloride, the *ortho*-haloaniline being represented by the following structure:




; and

the vinyl chloride being represented by the following structure:




; then

Step B: cyclizing the vinyl chloride of said step A to form ~~for forming~~ the dihydroindole C-ring of the CC-1065 / duocarmycin analog.